GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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FCI GODOWNS IN JHARKHAND
DUKHA BHAGAT;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of covered and uncovered godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Jharkhand and U.P. alongwith their locations and storage capacity;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains kept in open outside these godowns in Jharkhand during the last year and in U.P. during the last three years alongwith the value of the foodgrains; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to save the foodgrains from rotting and getting damaged?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): As on 1.10.2001 the number of covered and uncovered godowns alongwith the storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh are as under:

JHARKHAND

	No. of godowns (owned & hired)	Total capacity (in MTs)
Covered	14	1,08,780
CAP(Open)		

UTTAR PRADESH

	No. of godowns(owned & hired)	Total capacity (in MTs)
Covered	183	28,80,900
CAP(Open)	69	11,35,620

Location-wise details are given at Annexure `A` & `B` respectively.

(b): The quantity and value of foodgrains kept in uncovered (CAP) godowns in Jharkhand during the last year and U.P. during the last three years alongwith the value is as under:

	Quantity of Foodgrains (MTs)	Value in Rs. Crore
Jharkhand	Nil	Nil
Uttar Pradesh(As on 31/3)		
As on 31-03		
1998-1999	2,27,610	144.32
1999-2000	1,39,910	98.07

2000-2001 2,55,180 179.55
2001-2002

(as on 1-10-2001) 10,27,770 758.35

(c): The stocks of foodgrains with FCI are preserved on scientific lines to prevent damage.

The following steps are also taken to preserve foodgrains:-

(i) Foodgrains are stored in rodent and damp proof godowns.

(ii) Pest control measures are undertaken regularly.

(iii) Qualified and technically trained staff is deployed for conducting periodical inspection for proper upkeep of foodgrains.

(iv) To avoid damage in transit, the foodgrains are moved in covered wagons, as far as possible. When moved in open wagons, the same are covered with tarpauline etc.

(v) They are subjected to prophylactic and curative treatments also.

(vi) In CAP storage, the stocks are stored in wooden crates and covered with low density black polythene cover (LDPE) which are water proof. These are tied with nylone ropes to prevent damage by ballooning of covers during high velocity winds.